



**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2006
VIA LINDA SENIOR CENTER
ROOM 4
10440 N. VIA LINDA
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85259

MEETING MINUTES**

PRESENT: Donn Loper, Chairperson
Shelley Anderson, Vice-Chair
Robert Frost
John Faramelli
Ronald Petersen

ABSENT: Ron King

STAFF: Doug Nesselroad, Parks & Recreation Manager
Bill Murphy, Parks & Grounds Management Director
Judy Weiss, Parks & Recreation Director
Jan Cameron, Human Services Manager
Leslie Clark, Parks & Recreation Manager
Kathleen Corea, Assistant Recreation Coordinator
Philip Hershkowitz, Recreation Coordinator
Steve Lehmann, Sr. Recreation Coordinator
Robin Rogers, Asset Management
Kevin Sonoda, Telecom Policy Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT FOR ALL OR PART OF THE MEETING:

Mike Rennie, Arizona Retriever Rescue
Kevin Howell, Verizon Wireless
Perry and Sandy Becker
Pat Barrett
Edward Fein
Bob Kennedy
Bill Linz
Jim Murphy
Larry Paprocki
Paul Pisto
Gabriel Reuben

Rick Stein
Laura Jones White
Albert Wilkins

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Loper called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m., noting the presence of a quorum.

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE

At the request of Chairperson Loper, a moment of silence was observed.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Regular meeting, May 17, 2006.

COMMISSIONER FAREMELLI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 17, 2006 MEETING, AS WRITTEN. COMMISSIONER FROST SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0).

4. CO-SPONSORSHIP REQUEST – ARIZONA RETRIEVER RESCUE “MUTT STRUTT” 5K EVENT

Kathleen Corea, Assistant Recreation Coordinator, Facility Booking/Leisure Education Office, will provide the Commission with the Arizona Retriever Rescue's (AZRR) request for City co-sponsorship. The organization is hosting a 5K walk. Money raised during this event supports the ongoing work of the AZRR, with the primary purpose of rescuing and re-homing Golden and Flatcoat Retrievers in Arizona. The event is scheduled for November 18, 2006, and will go through Eldorado and Vista del Camino Parks. Out-of-pocket costs for the event are \$177 and will be paid by the applicant. The AZRR is asking the Parks and Recreation Commission to waive park fees totaling \$456.

Ms. Corea briefed the Commission on her office's function. A nonprofit organization can submit an application requesting co-sponsorship of an event. The event must meet certain specific criteria including being educational, social, or recreational in nature; it cannot compete with an existing City program; and it has to benefit Scottsdale residents.

AZRR met the criteria and is requesting that the City waive \$456 in park fees to enable the group to host a 5K walk fundraiser, called Mutt Strutt, to occur on November 18, 2006 in Eldorado and Vista del Camino Parks. AZRR will incur \$177 out-of-pocket costs that will cover staffing. Ms. Corea explained that staff ensure that the organization/event meet all criteria, but cannot make the decision to waive fees; it must be approved by the Commission. Written materials were provided to the Commission regarding the request and background on AZRR.

Mr. Mike Rennie, Treasurer of AZRR, addressed the Commission outlining the organization's mission, goals, accomplishments, and how funds are raised and expended. Discussion ensued.

VICE CHAIR ANDERSON MOVED THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE REQUEST BY ARIZONA RETRIEVER RESCUE TO WAIVE PARK FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$456 TO ENABLE THAT ORGANIZATION TO HOST A 5K WALK FUNDRAISER ON NOVEMBER 18, 2006 IN ELDORADO AND VISTA DEL CAMINO PARKS. COMMISSIONER FAREMELLI SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0).

5. PROPOSED VERIZON WIRELESS SITE (PHO ONYX) AT STONEGATE PARK

William B. Murphy, Parks and Grounds Management Director, and Kevin Sonoda, Telecom Policy Coordinator, will update the Commission on discussions with neighbors regarding a cell location at this site, and review the City ordinance on cell towers. Kevin Howell, consultant for Verizon Wireless, will present information on the proposed wireless sites at or near Stonegate Park.

Mr. Murphy gave a background overview of the proposal by Verizon Wireless to install antennas on electrical towers in Stonegate Park and discussions with neighbors, SRP, APS, and Verizon, from April 2006 through June 5, 2006. Written materials were provided to the Commission outlining the results and recommendation.

Mr. Sonoda shared some highlights of the City's Wireless Communications Ordinance to the Commission, copies were available for the audience. He gave a history of the Ordinance, which was adopted in 1997 and provided for aesthetics and placement of cell sites. It was updated in March 2003 to include promoting the use of existing vertical elements; increasing the attention to aesthetics regarding antennas, ground equipment, and the area surrounding those sites; and the requirement of use permits in certain locations. The City requires a compliance letter from cellular service providers regarding radio frequency emissions for any new cell sites.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposal process through the various City entities, including specifics of the leasing agreement with Verizon Wireless.

Mr. Howell gave an overview update and referred to a slide presentation including proposed coverage area; Verizon's investment of \$500,000 in the proposed site; aerial overview; utilizing an APS tower for the antennas with equipment below it; placing a low-noise generator on the City's well site instead of in the Park, thus eliminating the need for fuel trucks within the Park; placing trees around the generator at the request of the nearest neighbor; reduction in the number of antennas and air conditioning units; reduction in the size of the equipment building and the amount of coaxial cable; and plans for sound walls.

In response to an inquiry by Chairperson Loper, Mr. Murphy explained that the proposed location of the generator had been moved to the well site away from the equipment building because of neighborhood concern over fuel trucks being in the Park and potential spillage.

Mr. Rick Stein, 12546 E. Doubletree Ranch Road, stated the situation has become more complicated than it needs to be and that Stonegate residents were overreacting.

Mr. Bill Linz, 11661 Stonegate, stated there is no cellular service in Stonegate and he is in favor of the proposed Verizon antennas. He also stated that Verizon should be congratulated on its willingness to reach a compromise with the neighbors.

Mr. Jim Murphy, 9155 N. 117th, stated he is unable to use his cellular phone at home and cellular service is badly needed in Stonegate. He hopes the Verizon proposal will be approved.

Mr. Gabriel Rueben stated he is against the Verizon proposal because of unknown health risks of the radio frequencies.

Mr. Bob Kennedy stated he can see all three towers from his property. He has a company-provided cell phone, but is unable to use it at home. He commended Verizon for addressing neighborhood concerns and stated he is in favor of the antennas.

Perry and Sandy Becker, 12176 E. Doubletree Ranch Rd., stated they felt Verizon had not done enough to allay neighborhood concerns; offered their suggestions for less intrusive facilities; and,

stated they were not against cell phone service in the area, but are against the proposal as it now stands.

Ms. Laura Jones White, 12119 E. Val Vista Drive, stated she would like for the equipment building to be smaller and placed between the towers; have the antennas placed on tower 3 instead of tower 2; and have the Commission recommend to the City that Verizon be the only carrier so no more equipment, buildings, etc. are placed within the Park.

Mr. Paul Prito, 9046 N. 123rd St., stated he is in favor of the Verizon proposal and commended them for their efforts.

Mr. Pat Barrett 12116 East Bella Vista Circle suggested that an environmental impact study be done and that he is against the proposal.

In response to an inquiry by Vice-Chair Anderson, Ms. Rodgers stated that she had had one inquiry in the last 60 days about "piggybacking" from another cell service provider.

In response to an inquiry by Vice-Chair Anderson, Mr. Howell provided an explanation on why the building and equipment has to be the size that is proposed.

In response to an inquiry by Chairperson Loper, Mr. Murphy responded that the equipment building would not extend out to the trail in the Park. Mr. Howell added that Verizon was indifferent to the location of the equipment building and that this is an issue for the Development Review Board.

Vice-Chair Anderson voiced concern about air conditioning units being located near the horse trail because the noise might spook a horse. Mr. Howell stated he hoped the eight-foot wall and landscaping would help muffle the noise.

COMMISSIONER FROST MOVED THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR A CELL SITE WITHIN STONEGATE PARK AS SUBMITTED BY VERIZON WIRELESS AND RECOMMEND THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE REQUEST. COMMISSIONER FARAMELLI SECONDED THE MOTION.

Vice-Chair Anderson requested that the nearest neighbor to the site be involved in the process. Mr. Murphy stated that as the process moves forward to the Development and Review Board, public testimony will be heard, and the design detail will become more definitive. Ms. Weiss added this particular neighbor will be invited to be involved and will be notified of all meetings.

Chairperson Loper noted that of the public members who spoke, there were seven for and five against the proposal and the numbers that Mr. Paprocki provided at the last Commission meeting were overwhelming in favor. He also stated he felt Verizon had done everything it could to make this project aesthetically pleasing to the neighbors in both the neighboring subdivisions to the Park.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0).

6. UPDATE ON VIA LINDA SENIOR CENTER RECREATION PROGRAMS

Phil Hershkowitz, Recreation Coordinator, will present a brief review of Via Linda Senior Center including programs and special events.

Mr. Hershkowitz stated that the Center is busy even in summer and filled to capacity Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Field trips always have a waiting list. The Center also has social services and support groups.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT OF CURRENT EVENTS (A.R.S. § 38-431.02(K))
(Information item)

Judy Weiss, Parks and Recreation Director, and William Murphy, Parks and Grounds Management Director, will update the Commission on the status and activities of the Parks and Recreation, and Parks and Grounds Management Divisions. This includes, but is not limited to, updates on programming, special events, calendars, and upcoming meetings.

Ms. Weiss stated she had received information on the Boards and Commission Day at the APRA Conference on August 31st, 2006 in Mesa. She invited and encouraged the Commissioners to attend. The National Parks and Recreation Association Congress and Trade Show will be held in Seattle, October 9-14, 2006.

Ms. Weiss stated that there would be a Commission meeting on June 21, at La Mirada, to vote on a slight modification to the Pinnacle Peak trail as it relates to a new development project being constructed adjacent to the Park.

Ms. Weiss stated the City Council adopted her department's budget and she will present that information to the Commission in the fall. She informed the Commission that the design contracts for Yavapai and Grayhawk would be considered by the City Council on July 10 and July 11, 2006.

In response to inquiries from Commissioner Frost, Ms. Weiss responded that the request for \$200,000 for lighting two ball fields at Chaparral Park is on the City Council's agenda for July 10, 2006. The construction for the DC Ranch Community Park tennis courts was put into the five-year plan, 2010-2011. Commissioner Frost questioned how this could happen since the Commission did not recommend it to the City Council. Ms. Weiss responded that the Council had heard from the tennis-playing public at various budget forums.

Commissioner Frost noted it was interesting that park projects get moved around in the capital improvement element of the budget plan and the Commission is not involved in deciding which projects are moved forward and which projects are moved back.

Chairperson Loper stated he agreed.

Ms. Weiss stated that she felt it was a good point, but that the citizens availed themselves of the City Council Budget Subcommittee and budget forums and the Council agreed with their recommendations/requests.

In response to an inquiry by Chairperson Loper, Ms. Weiss stated that the Commission would be involved in the approval process of this DC Ranch Community Park project when it comes before them in 2009.

In response to an inquiry by Chairperson Loper, Ms. Weiss responded that the McDowell Mountain Ranch Aquatic Center was still under construction. Substantial completion is scheduled by the end of July; however, the skate park will not be opened at the same time as the pools and building.

Mr. Murphy indicated that Eldorado Park was undergoing maintenance and renovation in readiness for the fall sports. A placeholder for maintenance of the school district's youth sports fields has been put into the budget. A meeting has been set for June 13 with the school district and the youth task force in order to work on methodology and performance expectations. Commissioner Faramelli stated he

would attend that meeting. Mr. Murphy indicated that he would report on this meeting at the next Commissioners' meeting.

8. OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC (A.R.S. § 38-431.02)

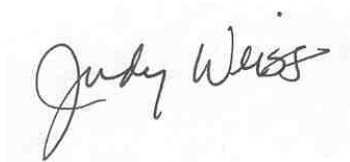
No members of the public wished to address the Commission.

9. ADJOURNMENT

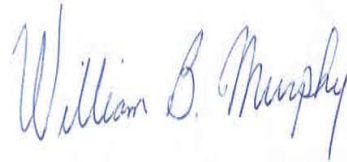
With no further business to discuss and no need for an executive session, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
AV-Tronics, Inc.

Meets established criteria.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judy Weiss". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Judy Weiss, Director
Parks and Recreation

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William B. Murphy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

William B. Murphy, Director
Parks and Grounds Management